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SUBJECT: PHYSICAL SECURITY - PERIMETER FENCE

REF: ATHENS 6374

1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE STUDY AND BROAD EMBASSY CONSULTATION, THE AMBASSADOR APPROVES THE ERECTION - IN PHASES - OF THE PROPOSED PERIMETER FENCE AS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT PREPARED BY FBO ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANT, MR. H. MORSE PAYNE.

2. BECAUSE OF THE LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE ERECTION OF THE FENCE BE ACCOMPLISHED IN SEVERAL PHASES. WE BELIEVE THAT THE WORK CAN BE COMPLETED DURING THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS. INITIAL CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE ALONG THE ROAD IMMEDIATE TO THE REAR OF THE EMBASSY. THE CONSULAR SIDE WOULD THEN BE ERECTED. DETERMINATION AS TO THE TIMING OF THE CONSTRUCTION ALONG THE FRONT (QUEEN SOPHIA STREET) AND THE MAIN DIPLOMATIC ENTRANCE WOULD BE MADE AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE POLITICAL, PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND SECURITY FACTORS AT THAT TIME.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT ALLOT THE REQUIRED FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS IMPORTANT SECURITY PROPOSAL. THE POST CONCURS WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL RENDITION AND DESIGN OF THE FENCE. IN HIS REPORT, MR. PAYNE RECOMMENDED THAT THE METALLIC COMPONENTS OF

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THE FENCE BE PROCURED MOST ECONOMICALLY IN THE U.S. AND

SHIPPED TO THIS POST.

4. IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM, THE POST WILL MAKE SOME
MINOR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE GATES AND THE HEIGHT
OF TOP PIECE ON THE TRUCK ENTRANCE ON THE CONSULATE SIDE.

5. THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN THIS IMPORTANT
SECURITY MATTTTER IS SOLICITED.
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